

PRN Medication Policy

During your enrollment in the DRC program there may be times you are prescribed PRN medication that will test positive on the drug screens. PRN stands for “as needed.” Medications that are PRN are not taken at a regular time. These medications are taken when the need arises. Examples of PRN medications are pain relievers or medication for anxiety.

A PRN may be given for a specific reason such as an injury or a procedure such as dental work. In these cases, the PRN is needed for a short period of time. In other cases, such as chronic pain, the PRN may be given for a longer period of time.

The DRC program policy is that a PRN prescription will be validate for a period of 90-days. After 90-days a new prescription is required for your file.

PLEASE NOTE: If you take a PRN prescription more than 90-days beyond the date the prescription was originally filled it will be considered a positive use if it shows up in a drug screen.

In order to ensure you are not penalized for a positive drug screen due to taking a prescribed PRN medication you must provide a new prescription for your file every 90 days. Follow the Documentation Guidelines.

Documentation Guidelines

You must provide the DRC with a copy of your prescriptions for your file. Documentation from your doctor or pharmacy will be accepted as long as the provider is identified and the document is authentic. Documentation must include the following: name of medication, dose, prescribing doctor, date, your name, number or amount of medication, and directions for taking the medication. If you provide the DRC with anything other than a copy of a prescription you will be asked to sign Release of Information forms for both your doctor and the pharmacy to allow the DRC staff to verify the information you are providing. You are responsible to provide the name, address, and phone number for the doctor or the pharmacy on the forms.

Failure to Comply

Failure to provide the original prescription or documentation from your doctor or pharmacy (see Documentation Guidelines) for PRN medication every 90 days could result in refusal of the DRC to recognize the prescription you are using. The consequences could be one or more of the following:

1. A positive drug screen that is considered as one use
2. Time on Phase 1 as deemed appropriate by the DRC Treatment Team
3. A sanction deemed appropriate by the DRC Treatment Team
4. Discharge from the program

Client Signature_____

Date_____

Staff Signature_____

Date_____